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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHDC

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1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, WHO HAS  
CONFIRMED THAT MAY 23 DATE ACCEPTABLE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT,  
CITES FOLLOWING AS POSSIBLE TOPICS THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER MAY  
RAISE:

(A) STATUS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION WITH THE EEC AND NATO.  
IF THERE ARE NO PROSPECTS SOON FOR A JOINT DECLARATION, AS APPEARS  
THE CASE, THEN DISCUSSIONS SHOULD CENTER ON HOW THE US AND SPAIN  
SHOULD PROCEED TO DEVELOP LANGUAGE OF THEIR OWN CONCERNING THE  
SECURITY QUESTION.

(B) PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING THE NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING  
THE TIMING AND THE DESIGNATION OF PARTICIPANTS. IN THIS RESPECT  
PERINAT COMMENTED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER MAY AGAIN RAISE HIS  
PROPOSAL OF WORKING GROUPS TO DEAL WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS.

(C) THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, INCLUDING EGYPT, GREECE  
AND THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

(D) THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL.

(E) MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCED REDUCTION AND NATO.

(F) SPANISH EXPORTS OF SHOES AND OLIVES.

(G) ENERGY QUESTIONS AND THE STATUS OF THE ENERGY WORKING GROUP.

2. THESE SUBJECTS OF COURSE ARE TENTATIVE AND MAY VERY WELL BE  
REPLACED BY OTHERS OF MORE PRESSING INTEREST BY THE TIME FOREIGN

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MINISTER REACHES WASHINGTON. FAIRLY CLEAR FROM PERINAT'S COMMENTS

THAT FOREIGN MINISTER IS CONCERNED THAT, DESPITE WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE AN UNDERSTANDING AT THE TIME OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT IN DECEMBER, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE MOVEMENT TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT WORKING GROUPS TO DEAL WITH THE CONTENTS OF A NEW AGREEMENT. FINALLY, ALTHOUGH PERINAT DID NOT MENTION IT, EMBASSY ALSO CONSIDERS IT LIKELY THAT THE SPANISH MAY RAISE SPAIN'S BALANCE OF TRADE DEFICIT WITH THE US, WHICH IS GROWING DAILY, AND FERROUS SCRAP REQUIREMENTS.

3. SOME FAMILIAR THEMES ARE CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PRELIMINARY LIST, INCLUDING GIBRALTAR, THE TRANSFER OF THE TANKER WING FROM TORREJON, AND NUCLEAR LIABILITIES, THOUGH OF COURSE POSSIBLE THEY MAY BE RAISED.

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